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By Sam Sabin

Morning Consult has published the latest edition of its monthly Trump Tracker, showing the president's approval state by state, month over month. See it here.

Morning Consult Tech will be off for the Fourth of July holiday. Publication will resume July 5 later in the morning.

Top Stories

- HP Inc. and Dell Technologies Inc. are planning to move up to 30 percent of their notebook production out of China, according to several people familiar with the matter, as Microsoft Corp., Google, Amazon.com Inc., Sony Corp.

and Nintendo Co. consider shifting production of their game console and smart speakers from the country, per multiple sources. The uncertain trade relationship between China and the United States, paired with rising manufacturing costs in China, is prompting tech companies to look at alternative locations, the people said. (Nikkei Asian Review)

- The European Commission has distributed questionnaires about Facebook Inc.'s practices to customers and competitors, according to two people familiar with the matter, making the company the latest major tech firm to come under antitrust scrutiny in Europe. The regulator is looking at Facebook's sales platform and data-sharing practices, per one source, and companies have been asked to respond by next week. (Bloomberg)

- The Department of Justice is pushing Deutsche Telekom, which would control the combined T-Mobile US Inc. and Sprint Corp., to divest more to Dish Network Corp. to earn regulatory approval for the proposed merger, according to people familiar with the matter. Justice Department officials are asking that Deutsche Telekom give Dish unlimited access to its network so it can be a more competitive player in the wireless industry, but T-Mobile is arguing that Dish should be given only 12.5 percent of the network's capacity. (CNBC)

Chart Review

Apple Tops the List of Tech Stock Holdings by Key Regulatory Figures in Congress
Morning Consult

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

07/08/2019

NIST's privacy framework workshop

Public Forum: Action Items for Implementing the Federal Data Strategy

07/09/2019

NIST's privacy framework workshop

The Information's conference call on the relationship between the U.S. and China	9:00 am
Telecommunications Industry Association's event on IoT security and legislation	12:00 pm
CBC Tech 2020: a Discussion on Artificial Intelligence	1:00 pm

07/10/2019

TechCrunch Sessions: Mobility 2019	9:00 am
Center for Strategic and International Studies' "Network Futures: 5G, SDN and the Internet" webcast event	9:00 am
Senate Commerce's space subcommittee hearing on NASA's plans for the international space station	10:00 am
FCC's July Open Commission Meeting	10:30 am
New America's event on governance in space	2:00 pm

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General

U.S. government staff told to treat Huawei as blacklisted
Alexandra Alper et al., Reuters

A senior U.S. official told the Commerce Department's enforcement staff this week that China's Huawei should still be treated as blacklisted, days after U.S. President Donald Trump sowed confusion with a vow to ease a ban on sales to the firm. Trump surprised markets on Saturday by promising Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Japan that he would allow U.S. companies to sell products to Huawei Technologies Co Ltd.

Huawei founder plays down effect of promised Trump reprieve
James Kynge and Kiran Stacey, Financial Times

Ren Zhengfei, Huawei's founder, said US president Donald Trump's move to relax a ban on the Chinese telecoms company's equipment will not have "much impact" on its business as it adjusts to a new era of American hostility. Responding to Mr Trump's decision to soften a ban on US companies selling Huawei the chips, software and other inputs it needs, Mr Ren said his company would continue to "focus on doing our own job right".

This Former Google Executive Was Accused Of Running A "Sex Ring"
Ryan Mac, BuzzFeed News

Andy Rubin, a former Google senior vice president who invented the Android operating system, departed the company after having an "inappropriate relationship" with a subordinate and kept payments by his previous employer secret from his wife for several years, according to documents made public by a California superior court.

House lawmakers officially ask Facebook to put Libra cryptocurrency project on hold
Makena Kelly, The Verge

House Democrats are requesting Facebook halt development of its proposed cryptocurrency project Libra, as well as its digital wallet Calibra, until Congress and regulators have time to investigate the possible risks it poses to the global financial system. Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA), the chairwoman of the House

Financial Services Committee, hinted at a move like this last month shortly after the project was announced.

Alphabet's robotaxis get one step closer to commercial use in California
Jennifer Elias, CNBC

Alphabet's self-driving car company Waymo can now begin transporting passengers in its robotaxis, thanks to a new regulatory approval in California. The California Public Utilities Commission issued Waymo approval to join a test program called Autonomous Vehicle Passenger Service Pilot.

Inside an Amazon Warehouse, Robots' Ways Rub Off on Humans
Noam Scheiber, The New York Times

The last person to touch an item at an Amazon fulfillment center is the packer, whose job is to stick each order in a box and tape it shut. As with most jobs, being a packer is more complicated than it looks.

U.S. Yields Hit Lowest Since 2016 as Stocks Rise: Markets Wrap
Laura Curtis, Bloomberg

Bonds extended gains globally ahead of the U.S. holiday as investors weighed the prospect of more dovish appointees to two of the world's major central banks. Stocks in Europe rose with U.S. equity futures, while those in Asia were mostly lower.

Intellectual Property and Antitrust

Amazon's Deal Making Threatened by D.C. Scrutiny
Dana Mattioli, The Wall Street Journal

Amazon.com Inc. has been on a buying spree in recent years, but the U.S. government's increased scrutiny of large tech companies threatens to slow that pace. The company has struck more than $20 billion worth of acquisitions and investments since the start of 2017, more than its deal volume in all of the previous 23 years in the online retailer's history, according to data provider Dealogic.

Meet Big Tech's new foe - a congressman who fought City Hall

Matt O'Brien, The Associated Press

Can the congressman who took on an entrenched machine politician in Rhode Island also stand up to Big Tech? David Cicilline, the Rhode Island Democrat now leading a House antitrust investigation into the market dominance of Facebook, Google, Amazon and Apple, is about to find out.

Telecom, Wireless and TV

CCA, Charter, ACA present alternative for C-Band
Monica Alleven, FierceWireless

The Competitive Carriers Association (CCA), Charter Communications and ACA Connects - America's Communications Association have filed a proposal with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for repurposing at least 370 megahertz of the C-Band spectrum for 5G.

About one in three Americans think they have 5G
Ian Sherr, CNET

It's not just Uncle Larry who's confused. Potentially millions of people don't appear to understand whether their smartphone is capable of running on 5G wireless technology, or whether they're even surfing with it now or not.

Mobile Technology and Social Media

Facebook Demotes 'Miracle Cures' and Other Health Disinformation
Taylor Hatmaker, The Daily Beast

It's the kind of clickbait that can kill you. And now, it's going to be a little harder to find on Facebook.

Google's Jigsaw Was Supposed to Save the Internet. Behind the Scenes, It Became a Toxic Mess
Lorenzo Franceschi-Bicchierai, Motherboard

In early August 2017, an anti-diversity memo written by an engineer named James Damore went viral within Google. The company was quickly thrown into

crisis: Multiple employees complained about the memo both internally and on social media, claiming this was not an isolated incident, but, as one Google employee put it, "a manifestation of what ails all of Silicon Valley."

Germany fines Facebook for under-reporting complaints
Thomas Escritt, Reuters

German authorities have fined Facebook (FB.O) 2 million euros ($2.3 million) for under-reporting complaints about illegal content on its social media platform in breach of the country's law on internet transparency. In a statement on Tuesday, Germany's Federal Office of Justice said that by tallying only certain categories of complaints, the web giant had created a skewed picture of the extent of violations on its platform.

California lawmaker proposes ban on 'deep fake' videos
Andrew Oxford, The Associated Press

A California lawmaker is proposing to restrict the sharing of manipulated videos depicting politicians amid mounting concerns that increasingly convincing "deep fakes" could give rise to misinformation in the approaching 2020 election.

FCC filing is latest evidence that Apple will soon update its most affordable MacBook Pro
Chris Welch, The Verge

A filing for an unreleased MacBook Pro was briefly accessible on the Federal Communication Commission's website today before later being pulled. The FCC documentation refers to model number A2159, which lines up with MacBook-related filings Apple made with the Eurasian Economic Commission last month.

Emma Chamberlain and the Rise of the Relatable YouTuber
Taylor Lorenz, The Atlantic

The most talked-about teen influencer in the world doesn't airbrush her photos. She doesn't have a team of editors and photographers following her around and catching aspirational plandids.

Cybersecurity and Privacy

China Snares Tourists' Phones in Surveillance Dragnet by Adding Secret App
Raymond Zhong, The New York Times

China has turned its western region of Xinjiang into a police state with few modern parallels, employing a combination of high-tech surveillance and enormous manpower to monitor and subdue the area's predominantly Muslim ethnic minorities. Now, the digital dragnet is expanding beyond Xinjiang's residents, ensnaring tourists, traders and other visitors - and digging deep into their smartphones.

Border-surveillance subcontractor suspended after cyberattack revealed sensitive monitoring details
Drew Harwell, The Washington Post

The longtime maker of license-plate scanners and other surveillance equipment used along the U.S. border was suspended Tuesday from federal contracting by U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials, who cited "evidence of conduct indicating a lack of business honesty or integrity," federal records show.

Cyber Command warns of new attacks and malware potentially linked to Iran
Joe Uchill, Axios

United States Cyber Command issued a warning Tuesday about hackers using a security flaw in Microsoft's Outlook email program, while also uploading new malware to an archive used by cybersecurity researchers that one expert believes is connected to an infamous Iranian attack.

Irish regulator opens third privacy probe into Apple
Padraic Halpin, Reuters

Apple's (AAPL.O) main regulator in the European Union, Ireland's Data Protection Commissioner (DPC), has opened a third privacy investigation into the iPhone maker over the last few weeks, a spokesman for the DPC said on Tuesday. The probe is examining whether Apple has complied with the relevant provisions of the EU's new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) privacy law in relation to an access request from a customer.

TikTok under investigation over child data use
Alex Hern, The Guardian

The video-sharing app TikTok is under investigation in the UK for how it handles the personal data of its young users, and whether it prioritises the safety of children on its social network. Elizabeth Denham, the information commissioner, told a parliamentary committee the investigation began in February, prompted by a multimillion-dollar fine from the US Federal Trade Commission (FTC) for similar violations.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

One size does not fit all: tech and the feminist fightback
Elaine Moore, Financial Times

One of the perks of covering Silicon Valley is having the chance to play with gadgets and call it work. A trip to Facebook HQ to hit computer-generated aliens while wearing the new Oculus virtual reality headset can be considered a good day's graft.

The Best Way to See Europe This Summer
Kara Swisher, The New York Times

A walk about Paris will provide lessons in history, beauty and in the point of life," said the well-known Francophile Thomas Jefferson. And now, too, lessons in how not to trip over electric scooters.

I Opted Out of Facial Recognition at The Airport-It Wasn't Easy
Allie Funk, Wired

The announcement came as we began to board. Last month, I was at Detroit's Metro Airport for a connecting flight to Southeast Asia.

Research Reports

Information Technology: Implementation of GAO Recommendations Would Strengthen Federal Agencies' Acquisitions, Operations, and Cybersecurity Efforts
U.S. Government Accountability Office

The federal government has spent billions on information technology projects that have failed or performed poorly. Some agencies have had massive cybersecurity failures.

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